



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mondays As Scheduled

Tuesday & Wednesday – 5:30 PM

Thursday, Friday & Saturday – 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

As Announced

CONFESSIONS

One-Half Hour Before All Masses

Or By Appointment w/Father Jim at 870-741-5234

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Mary Mother of God Catholic Church is to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, as members of His living body, the Church, to bring the Kingdom of God into the world through evangelization, worship, Religious education, and service in our families, in our parish, and in our community.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

We welcome new members to our Church through the process and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Please contact the church office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and Godparents are required to participate in a preparation process before the Baptism of children. Registration is required.

Please contact the church office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements for wedding must be made at least six months in advance.

Please contact the church office.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Extraordinary Ministers are available to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are not able to attend Mass. Call the church office about anyone who would like to receive the Eucharist at home.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Father Jim.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Catholic Christian Women:

Holly Coffman

Catholic Youth Ministries (CYM):

Terra Atkinson

Cemetery Committee:

Marlene Rowe

Custodian:

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Knights of Columbus:

Frank Handley

Knights of Columbus, 4th Degree:

Val Stechly

Legion of Mary:

Pat Knickerbocker

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Pro-Life:

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Alternate Sacristans:

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Safe Environment:

Holly Coffman

Social Justice/Charitable Outreach

Robin Markham

Trail Life USA:

Wes Bradford

Tribunal:

Dc. Mark Scouten

Wedding Coordinator:

Bonnie Tauer

Welcome New Catholics (RCIA):

Wayne & Judy Keith

NEW IN PARISH

To register in the parish, please fill out the form below.

Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Parish Moved From: _____

Parish City: _____

() New In Parish () Change of Address/Phone/Email

We welcome all visitors to Mary Mother of God Catholic Church.

We hope you enjoy your stay in this area
and may God be with you on your trip home.

2021 WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

First Saturday,	December 4
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Dick Holtkamp
11:00 AM	Funeral Mass: +Mary Ann Crabtree
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Carl Heuschmidt, 16 th Anniv.
Sunday,	December 5 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – John Copeland, Health 
Monday,	December 6 – NO MASS
Tuesday,	December 7
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	Holy Day Vigil Mass: +Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday,	Dec. 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Ed & Mary Griggs
5:00 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:30 PM	MASS: SI – Jeff & Wendy Fry Family
Thursday,	December 9
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Tom Jamison, 8 th Anniv. (12-5)
9:00 AM	Rosary Led by Catholic Christian Women
Friday,	December 10
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: SI – Josh Krone, BD
Saturday,	December 11
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Ward Calonder, 2 nd Anniv.
4:30 PM	Rosary & Confessions
5:00 PM	MASS: +Norm Rowe 
Sunday,	December 12 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Rosary & Confessions
8:30 AM	MASS: +Margaret Jones, 5 th Anniv.



VIGIL CANDLES - If you wish to light a 6-day vigil candle, a suggested \$3 donation is requested.

CONFESSIONS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE one-half hour before all Daily and Saturday/Sunday Masses or by appointment.



IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR FLOCKNOTE YET, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UPDATES FROM OUR BISHOP AND FATHER JIM WILL CONTINUE FOR WEEKS TO COME. Parish communications, such as prayer requests, updates, Mass cancellations, etc., arrive as a Flocknote message. Individuals and/or families are subscribed so they will either receive messages as emails or texts per their preference. If you do not receive prayer request emails and would like to, sign up now! Registration is easy. There are two ways to connect (pick one): Visit our parish at: www.flocknote.com/marymotherofgodchurch or text flockmmg to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Need help to set up your flocknote? Contact the church office.

BISHOP TAYLOR ANNOUNCED EFFECTIVE MAY 15-16, 2021, MASK WEARING IS OPTIONAL. His letter of May 9 stated: I believe that due to the universal availability of the vaccine, we can now make mask-wearing optional, effective. In addition, Communion on the tongue during Mass is now allowed. I do recommend, but do not require, continued mask-wearing for those who are not yet fully vaccinated or who are otherwise vulnerable.

MMG livestreams the Saturday 5 PM & Sunday 8:30 AM Masses. You may go online to the Mary Mother of God Catholic Church Facebook account or visit the church website at harrisoncatholic.org. Click Resources; then click livestream. For daily Masses, visit the MMG Facebook account.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Charles “Mike” Turner, husband of Patricia Virnig Turner, who died on November 26. Please remember Mike and his family in your prayers.



REST IN PEACE – Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of +Mary Ann Crabtree who died on November 29. Please remember Mary and her family in your prayers.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY – Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the National Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's second collection.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA FUNDRAISER – Trail Life is serving breakfast following the 8:30 AM Mass today, Sunday, Dec. 5. Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and drinks. You may eat in or take it home with you. **A free-will donation for this fundraiser is much appreciated!**

Sign-Up Sheets are in the Vestibule for the meal that will be offered following the John Michael Talbot Concert next Sunday, December 12. **Tickets are now available to purchase in the vestibule for \$5.00 each dinner of baked ziti (choice of meat or vegetarian), salad, bread, dessert, and drink.**


THE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY will meet Sunday at 10 AM, Tuesday at 3 PM and Wednesday at 6 PM. Coffee/donuts will be available before the Sunday session. Any questions, contact Tom Hoberock at 870-688-1202.



BINGO TODAY – Sundays, Dec. 5 & 19 at 2 PM. Invite a friend! Doors will open at 1 PM. Proceeds benefit local charities. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

Knights of Columbus will meet Monday, December 6 at 6:30 PM for Fellowship Meal and 7:30 PM Meeting.

MUSIC MINISTRY

HANDBELLS & ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS change almost daily! Contact Julie Jasper at 870-688-9369 or julesjasper93@gmail.com to confirm rehearsal dates and times. 

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is this Wednesday, December 8. Masses will be celebrated as follows:

Tuesday, Dec. 7	5:30 PM	MMG – Harrison
Wednesday, Dec. 8	8:30 AM	MMG – Harrison
Wednesday, Dec. 8	Noon	St. Andrew's - Yvl
Wednesday, Dec. 8	5:30 PM	MMG – Harrison



PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) – This Wednesday...

5:00 PM Rosary & Confessions
 5:30 PM Holy Day Mass
 6:00 PM Dinner for Students/Teachers/Family
 6:30-7:30 PM All Classes



Catholic Christian Women (CCW) will pray the Rosary this Thursday, December 9, at 9 AM. Coffee and sweets will follow in the Hall after the Rosary. Everyone is welcome!

The Legion of Mary will meet on Thursday at 5:30 PM in the Altar Server Sacristy (room behind the altar). It is an open meeting and everyone is welcome to attend and pray with us.

Knights of Columbus – Fruitcakes from Assumption Abbey in Ava, MO are now available through the Christmas Season. The two-pound fruitcakes are \$30 each. Great gifts! Proceeds help our seminarians. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule and Floyd Crawford from Yellville will deliver your orders to the church beginning December 5. Questions? Call Floyd 870-321-8826.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS OR HONORARIUMS – Christmas Memorials (for a deceased loved one) or Honorariums (for a living loved one) are available for a \$10 donation. All poinsettias and decorations will remain throughout the Christmas Season on the Altar. No names will be placed on the individual flowers, but an acknowledgment will be placed in the church bulletin and a card will be sent to the person or family you wish to honor or remember. Christmas Memorial/Honorarium envelopes are available in the church vestibule. Fill in the appropriate address on the envelope. **Please return envelope in the collection basket or the church office no later than Sunday, December 19.** Thank you for beautifying our church.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS – Military & Emergency Personnel, Victims of Natural Disasters, COVID-19 & Terrorism, Vocations, Carl Bell, Cindy Benner, Donnie Billups, Carol Bomboy, Sue Brain, William Bray, Ray Brysch, Betty Burge, Caven James Clark, Loretta Clements, Brian Coffman, Larry/Rita Coffman, Jim/Karen Conner, Mary Decker Family, Dave/Bruce/Gary Durand, Glen Feldman, John Forrest, Matthew Gerth, Casey Gibbs, Bill/Ruth/Levi Haley, Chris Haley, Pete Hartman, Leon/Russell Heard, Lorita Henry, Waylen Hetrick, Dianne Hoberock, Linda Hoyet, Chris Jasper, Lavonne Keehn, Emory Keys, LaDonna King, Dr. Charles Klepper, Mary Koenig, Pat Kohl, Dennis Kyler, Louene Lipsmeyer, Patti Long, Val Lopez, Michael/Peggy Lowery, Hailey Luckette, Tyler Mason, Bill May, +Alan Miller, Janice Munzner, Mollie Norman, Deb O'Connor, Nikki Patten, Eliska Pollock, Kathy Robinson, Ken Rudisel, Margaret Mary Schlacter, Dc. Mark Scouten, Ed/Yvonne Servis, Phil Sides, Bob Stephens, Kathleen Stimson, Charles Sturm, Pennie Sutton-Veach Family, Teri Tabor, Ting Tuazon, Sharon Wall, River Wygle. Our Nursing Home Residents: Dan Allen, David Allen, Mary Allen, Terry Bodson, Steve Crawford, Lylia Laffoon, Alan Lasecki, Bonnie Lundblad, Ann May, Bob/Diane Patterson, Mary Ralston, Giovanna Sandri, Billie Signer, Liz Smalley. **Please keep our list current by contacting the office to add/delete names. Thank you.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 5: Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6
 Dec 6: Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26
 Dec 7: Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14
 Dec 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38
 Dec 9: Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15
 Dec 10: Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19
 Dec 11: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Dec 12: Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! – John Michael Talbot will be in concert at MMG next **Sunday, Dec. 12 @ 2 PM**. Only 250 seats are available. Doors will open at 1:15 PM. A free-will offering for JMT Ministries will be appreciated. Spiritual Resources (CDs, books, etc.) and Little Portion Bakery items will be available to purchase. Following the concert, the Knights will have carry-out containers with baked ziti (choice of meat or vegetarian), salad, bread, dessert, and drink. Meal tickets are \$5 each. You may take your meal home or stay and eat it in the Parish Hall. Meal ticket sales begin November 21.

Little Portion Bakery – Christmas Gifts – Come see all we have for Christmas this year! We have Christmas Gift Boxes for all tastes and budgets and our St. Francis Celebration Granola and Jubilee Breakfast Cookies are back for a limited time. Visit www.LittlePortionBakery.org call 877-504-9865.

Through the solitude of COVID I have composed a 40 Day Retreat called "Hermitage of the Heart." It is perfect for private or group reflection during Advent, Lent or ANYTIME! Enter your journey today and find "Peace, Prayer and the Presence of God!" – In Jesus, **John Michael Talbot**, Founder, Spiritual Father and General Minister, The Brothers and Sisters of Charity, Little Portion Hermitage. Visit troubadourfortheLord.net.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR – LET US ALL SHARE THE JOY OF SERVING THE LORD!! Please sign up as soon as possible. If you are new to serving (Halleluiah!) please contact the church office or fill in your chosen ministry on the back of the bulletin, drop it in the collection basket, and someone will contact you for a brief training meeting. **THANKS!!**

COLLECTION: November 7-30, 2021

General Collection	\$21,900.00
Maintenance Fund	1,189.00
Campaign for Human Development	579.00
Thanksgiving	120.00

2021 Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal (CASA) - To date, our parishioners have given **\$22,436.80 or 107%** of our designated goal of **\$21,000**. Thank you for your support in helping our diocese to continue to carry on the missionary work of Jesus.

ADORE THE EUCHARIST – IT'S CHRIST WITH US !!

"The Eucharist is our Lord, and I think that the Church can be restored once again only with the restoration of an awe-inspiring and reverent Eucharistic worship..." Bishop Athanasius Schneider, "Christus Vincit" **Contact Carmen at 305-815-1795 or the church office to sign up for a Holy Hour.**

Sunday @ 7 AM, 9 AM, Noon, 3 PM & 5 PM

Monday @ 10 AM & 1 PM

Tuesday @ 8 AM, 11 AM & 1 PM

Wednesday @ 10 AM, Noon, 3 PM & 6 PM

Thursday @ Noon, 3 PM & 4 PM

Friday @ Noon, 1 PM, 4 PM & 6 PM

Saturday @ 11 AM, Noon, 1 PM, 2 PM & 3 PM

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Lector: Read the Scripture readings
during Mass.

Rosary Leader: Lead before Mass.

Musician: See or call Julie Jasper.

Extraordinary Minister: Distribute the
Body of Christ during Communion.

Altar Servers: All youth who have
celebrated their First Holy Communion.

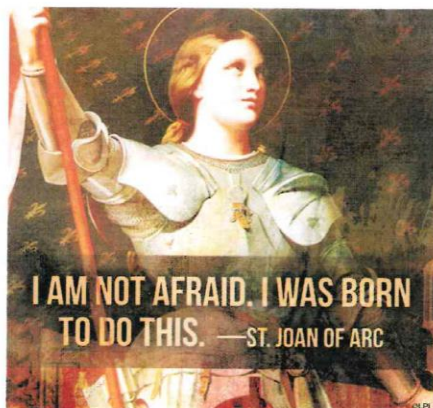
Usher: Greet people, guide them to
empty seats, hand out bulletins after
Mass, check pews after Mass for debris
or loose hymnals/missalettes.

Other: _____

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Christmas

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Question: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray.


Answer: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

God Bless America!

In Memory of Newt & Ruth Foster

MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH
HARRISON, ARKANSAS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 28 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ JMT Meal Tix - \$5 Each <i>Available in Vestibule</i>	November 29 NO MASS ++ NO HANDBELLS - Christmas Parade	November 30 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	December 1, 2021 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6 PM PREP Dinner 6:30-7:30 PM All PREP Classes "Keep Christ in Christmas" Posters ++ 6 PM Bible Study	December 2 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	December 3 <i>First Friday</i> 8AM Patriotic Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	December 4 <i>First Saturday</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ JMT Meal Tix - \$5 Each <i>Available in Vestibule</i>
December 5 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ Second Collection: Nat'l. Retirement for Religious Fund ++ Breakfast with Santa Following 8:30 AM Mass Free-Will Donation Eat-In or Take-Home ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 2 PM BINGO	December 6 NO MASS ++ 6:15 PM Handbells in Parish Hall ++ Knights of Columbus 6:30 Fellowship Meal 7:30 PM Meeting	December 7 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Holy Day Vigil Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	December 8 <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> <i>Immaculate Conception</i> <i>of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 8:30 AM Holy Day Mass 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Holy Day Mass ++ 6 PM PREP Dinner All PREP Classes ++ Noon Mass in Yvl. ++ 6 PM Bible Study ++ Adult Choir Following 5:30 PM Holy Day Mass	December 9 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 9 AM Rosary w/CCW Coffee/Sweets Follow in Parish Hall ++ 5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ NO Adult Choir	December 10 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	December 11 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass ++ JMT Meal Tix - \$5 Each <i>Available in Vestibule</i>
December 12 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 10 AM Bible Study ++ 2 PM John Michael Talbot Concert & Dinner \$5 Per Dinner: Eat-In or Take-Out	December 13 NO MASS ++ 6:15 PM Handbells in Parish Hall	December 14 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 3 PM Bible Study	December 15 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass 6 PM PREP Christmas Potluck Party A-G: Dessert H-Z: Side Dish ++ 6 PM Bible Study	December 16 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 5:30 PM Legion of Mary Mtg Behind Altar ++ 6 PM Adult Choir	December 17 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	December 18 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Mass
December 19 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 2 PM BINGO ++ 2 PM Decorate the Church For Christmas -- Volunteers Needed	December 20 NO MASS	December 21 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ 6:15 PM Handbells w/Youth Choir	December 22 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO PREP TONIGHT	December 23 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ NO Legion of Mary Mtg ++ 6 PM Handbells w/ Adult & Youth Choirs	December 24 4 PM Vigil Mass 11 PM Vigil Mass ++ Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund Coll. 	December 25 <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> <i>Nativity of the Lord</i> 8:30 AM Mass 11 AM Mass in Yvl. ++ Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund Coll. ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Vigil Mass for Sunday Dec 26
December 26 <i>The Holy Family of</i> <i>Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	December 27 NO MASS	December 28 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass	December 29 5 PM Rosary 5:30 PM Mass ++ NO PREP TONIGHT Classes Resume on January 5, 2022	December 30 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ NO Legion of Mary Mtg Resumes Jan 6, 2022	December 31 8 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass	January 1, 2022 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i> <i>Not A Holy Day This Year</i> 8:10 AM Rosary 8:30 AM Mass ++ 4:30 PM Rosary 5 PM Vigil Mass for Sunday Jan 2

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THIS CALENDAR.

\$5 MEAL TICKETS FOLLOWING THE JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT CONCERT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE.
LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING SO WE HAVE ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE!! THANKS!

2021 DECEMBER MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR

5 PM Saturday Mass

Rosary: ***Volunteer Needed***
 Lector: Joan Lipsmeyer

E/M: Roy Arnold
 Frank Handley

Servers: ***Volunteers Needed***

Ushers: Everett Burr
 Chuck Draper
 Terry Draper

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Rosary: Greg Jasper
 Lector: Dan Roberts

E/M: Greg Jasper
 Mike Galligan
 Mary Billups

Servers: Isaac Jasper

Ushers: Al Hanson
 Regina Hanson
 Patricia Virnig
 Gerry Gokenbach

If you are unable to serve, please find your replacement. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

Dec 1	Gary Wilcox	Dec 12	Peter Kershaw	Dec 23	Helen Heffran
Dec 5	Keyla Aldrete	Dec 13	Dianne Hoberock	Dec 23	Gregory Klott
Dec 7	Kaitlyn Coffman	Dec 14	Jeffrey Dalton	Dec 24	Michelle Aldrete
Dec 7	Thomas Heffran	Dec 14	Eliska Pollock	Dec 25	Jesus of Nazareth
Dec 7	Cathy Phipps	Dec 14	Aly Woods	Dec 25	Anna Culhane
Dec 8	Maria Alvarez	Dec 15	Bre Benner	Dec 25	Mariah Lizarda
Dec 9	Dan Allen	Dec 17	Tom Hoberock	Dec 27	Brian Ramirez
Dec 9	Gloria Amerson	Dec 17	Art Honeyman	Dec 28	Celia DeWoody
Dec 9	Patsy Astorino	Dec 17	Lacy Wilson	Dec 28	Diana Hodges
Dec 9	Matthew Eddings	Dec 18	Casey Humphreys	Dec 28	Giovanna Sandri
Dec 9	Lynn Hancock	Dec 18	Bob Terrell	Dec 29	Jake Simon
Dec 9	Mary Stephens	Dec 19	Deb Fesenmyer	Dec 29	Ronald Worrell
Dec 9	Matthew Webb	Dec 19	Lily Mastrobuono	Dec 30	Eziecheal Humphreys
Dec 12	Jewell Hardaway	Dec 20	Phil Sides	Dec 30	Stella Krone
Dec 12	Adan Juantos-Garcia	Dec 21	Levi Fry	Dec 31	Mary Allen
		Dec 22	Norman Lasko		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

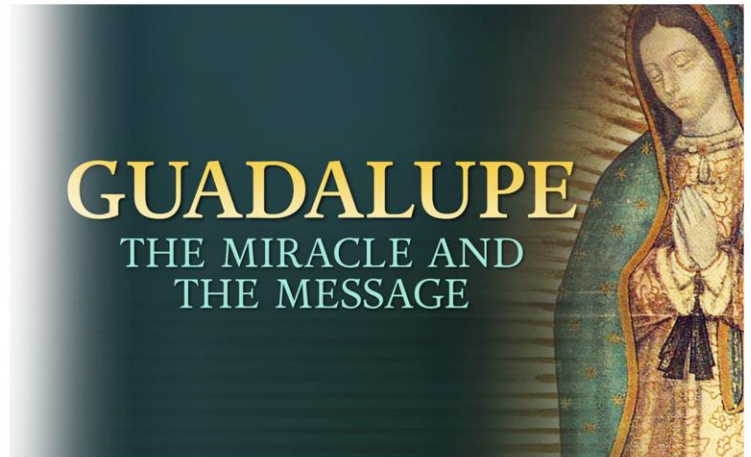
Dec 5	Cesar & Wendy Carrera	Dec 24	A.K. & Loretta Clements
Dec 13	Terry & Donna Rodery	Dec 28	Jonathan & Jasi Dezort
Dec 17	Dwayne & Laurie Dixon	Dec 28	Mark & Debbie Martin
Dec 21	Todd & Lori Curry	Dec 28	Bill & Ana vanLeeuwen
Dec 21	Michael & Seychelle Mahoney	Dec 29	Stephen & Josephine Kershaw

December 5, 2021

WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



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Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

Do We Make Too Much of Mary?



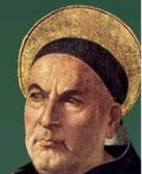
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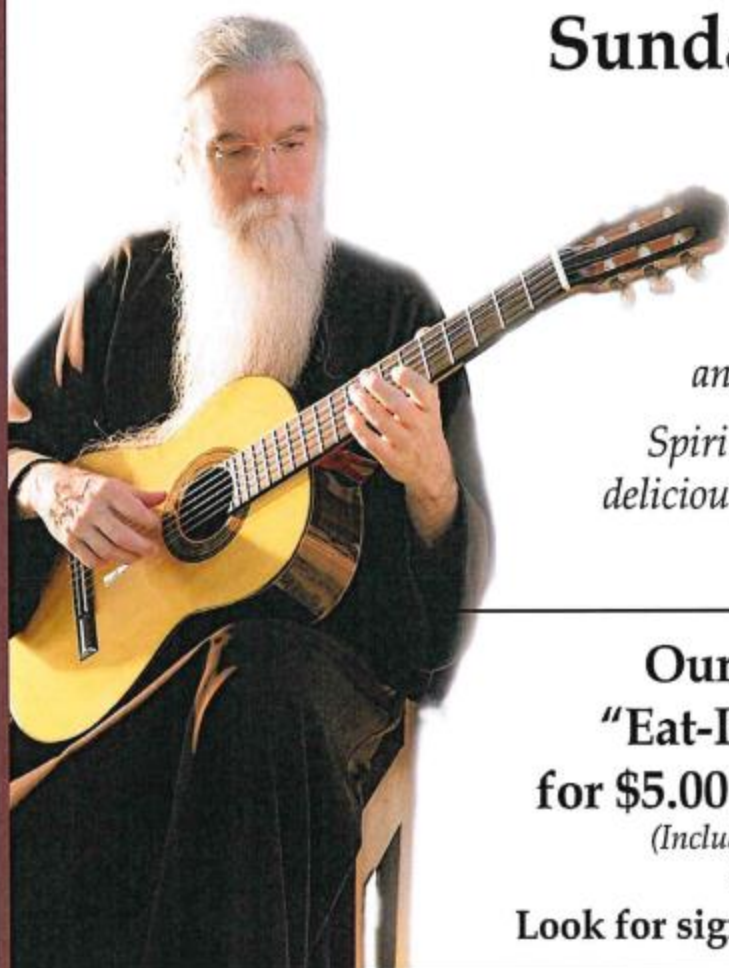
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**Our parish is offering an
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*(Includes Baked Ziti - Meat or Vegetarian -
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Look for sign-up sheets after weekend Masses!

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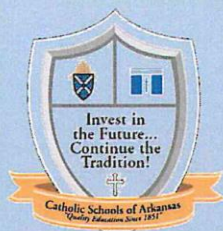
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Please complete and return to the church office or in next weekend's collection basket.
If you are new to serving in any of these ministries, someone will contact you for a brief training meeting. Thank you!



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ARKANSAS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP APPEAL

November 13, 2021

Dear Parishioner,

Sadly, there are Catholic schools throughout the country closing due to the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. You can help prevent this from happening in Arkansas through your gift to the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal. Our Catholic schools are facing a combination of financial challenges: decreased subsidy from parishes, cancelled fundraising events, and a greater need for financial assistance for families negatively affected by the pandemic.

The Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal is held annually to give tuition assistance to families with a demonstrated need. Catholic schools throughout the state submit applications on behalf of these families. Last year funds from the appeal provided tuition support to 79 students attending Arkansas Catholic schools with awards ranging from \$400 to \$1,500 per student.

Families who qualify are granted assistance through Parish subsidies, school fundraising, foundations, and individual donors. However, even with this financial support, a need still exists for more tuition aid. This year our calculated need is \$526,505. Please help us by donating to the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship Appeal. Every dollar received from donations will be used to aid those in need of financial assistance.

Catholic schools are an integral part of the teaching mission of the Church because they assist parents in the important obligation of educating and forming their children through faith development. They provide a rigorous education, rooted in the Gospel, and rich in the cherished traditions and liturgical practices of our faith. Even in the midst of a pandemic, our schools are ensuring that students will have the foundation to live a moral and upright life to face the challenges brought by changes in the world today.

Thank you for your support of the Arkansas Catholic Schools Scholarship fund. Please keep our schools in your prayers.

Sincerely In Christ,

Most Reverend Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



Arkansas Catholic Schools

Scholarship Appeal



A Catholic education is a gift that serves the child, their family, and the community throughout their lifetime and beyond. The cost of tuition is a challenge to hundreds of our families who desire a Catholic education for their child. Parish subsidies, school fundraising, and foundations provide funds for financial assistance, but not enough.

All funds raised through this appeal go directly to an Arkansas Catholic school to provide tuition assistance to a family with a demonstrated financial need. Your gift will help keep these children in our Catholic schools. Please be generous, and remember our Catholic schools in your prayers.

“Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.”

Pope Francis

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St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

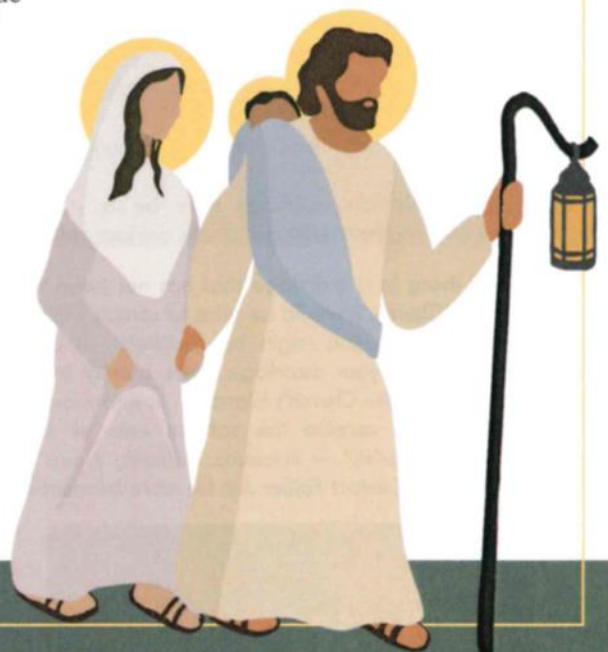
Dear St. Joseph,
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust and
courage.

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.

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July 26, 2021

To the people of the Diocese of Little Rock,

I have recently been asked whether the Diocese of Little Rock should re-impose restrictions such as mandatory mask-wearing, physical distancing and disinfection of surfaces in response to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in Arkansas, 85% of which involve the highly infectious Delta variant. It has been suggested that since only 40% of Arkansans have been vaccinated, we need to do something to protect the other 60%, many of whom could be vaccinated but refuse.

It is important to note that with the universal availability of effective vaccines, the present threat is much different from that which occasioned the restrictions when COVID-19 first became a threat. Now, other than people with a medical condition that disqualifies them, anyone above age 12 can readily be vaccinated at no cost to themselves. As for those below age 12, for whatever reason, there have been very few serious cases involving younger children who may have some degree of natural immunity. The vaccine is effective in preventing most infections, even of the Delta variant, and vaccinated people who do become ill generally experience a much milder case than otherwise. Moreover, the vaccines are the best way to minimize the degree to which the virus can keep mutating. The vaccine's connection with abortion-derived fetal cell lines is very remote and our cooperation with such acts via receiving the vaccine is passive (no active cooperation) and so the Vatican has declared their use "morally acceptable" given the grave danger of the pandemic. Therefore, everyone who can be vaccinated has been repeatedly and strongly encouraged to do so—not only by me, but also even by Pope Francis—and so in the end, those who fail to do so have to be willing to accept the consequences of their decision. Diocesan policy will not be dictated by those who despite strong and clear encouragement, refuse to take the necessary steps to protect themselves and others. So for now, the only restriction that remains in place diocesan-wide is that the Precious Blood will continue not to be distributed to the faithful at Mass.

Having said that, given the principle of subsidiarity, individual parishes are free to take steps to address the threat locally. This could include making mask-wearing mandatory at one of their Masses, or setting aside one section of the nave for physical distancing and the exclusive use of mask-wearing participants.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor
Bishop of Little Rock



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Informed Choices ministry exists to evangelize, encourage and empower men/women in making life affirming choices.

Informed Choices provides:

- Pregnancy Testing
- Pregnancy options education
- Healthy pregnancy education
- Limited ultrasounds
- Post abortion recovery
- Referrals for
 - Pre-natal care
 - Social services
 - Adoption
- Parenting Skills
 - Support mothers & fathers beyond pregnancy
 - "Earn While You Learn" program where clients earn items and resources to provide a healthy environment for their child

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

- PRAYER PARTNER
- FINANCIAL SUPPORTER
 - One Time Gifts
 - Monthly Gift
- DONATE ITEMS
- VOLUNTEER
 - Men/Women Volunteers
 - Youth Group Service Projects: yard work, sort baby items
- PROMOTE & PARTICIPATE
 - Baby Bottle Campaign
 - Annual Banquet(s)
 - 100-Hole Golf Marathon
 - Community Events

CURRENT NEEDS

- Diapers sizes 1&2
- New baby items
- New (unused) car seats



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Informedchoiceswomenscenter.org



Do you love to sing?
Do you love to make music for the Lord?
IS GOD CALLING YOU TO MUSIC MINISTRY?

Adult Choir—The Adult Choir meets every Thursday at 6:30pm and sings at the Sunday 8:30am Mass and other Holy Days of Obligation.

Youth Choir—The Youth Choir consists of students in grades K-12. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm immediately following PREP class. They sing at the scheduled Youth Masses throughout the academic year. Hand chimes and other instruments are used, as well.

Hand Bell Choir—The Hand Bell Choir meets on Tuesday evenings at 6PM and plays at approximately 7 Masses throughout the year.

Silver Bells—Silver Bells is a group, specifically for the senior members of our parish. Opportunities for food, fellowship, and fun are guaranteed!

What does Music Ministry mean to me?

"Singing in church has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. It was such a natural routine for me that I would feel as if I had not participated in Mass if no singing was involved. Music ministry continues to be a meaningful part of my life even as a senior member of the parish. It is only through God's blessings that I continue in this ministry and gain a greater connection to my fellow choir members and our church congregation. I would strongly encourage others who appreciate music during church services to seriously consider giving music ministry a try."—Kevin Cheri (Adult Choir member)

"I like singing in the church choir because it lets me glorify God in a way that I enjoy. I also like the choir because it makes me feel peaceful especially when I am singing about God."—Eliana & Charlize Adamos (Youth Choir members)

"I have been a part of this amazing handbell group since it started three years ago. Even though I do have a music background, I find playing handbells challenging. Instead of playing all the notes in a song, each bell is a part of the whole that makes the music. I am thankful that I have been able to use my talents to bring more to our Mass celebration. Being a part of our music ministry has been a blessing to me."—Bonnie Tauer (Hand Bell Choir member)

"These bells make our old souls sing!"—Silver Bells members

**If you are interested in sharing your musical talents, contact
Julie Jasper, Director of Music Ministry at (870)688-9369 or julesjasper93@gmail.com**



Catholic Arkansas Sharing Appeal

What your Donation Can Do!

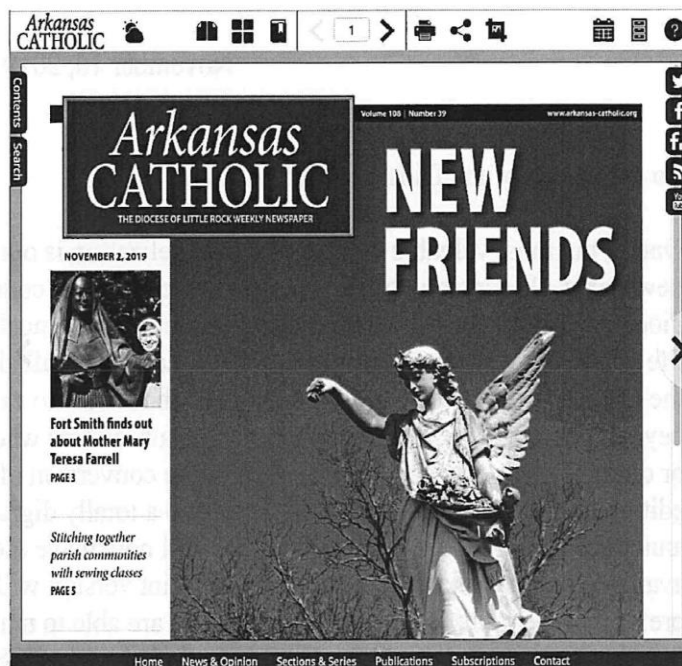
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\$50	Provides a partial scholarship for a student to attend a Campus Ministry retreat.
\$135	Provides a scholarship for one youth to attend a Search weekend.
\$150	Provides utility bill assistance for a family through our Family Assistance Program.
\$250	Provides dental care for a patient of the Westside Free Medical Clinic.
\$500	Covers the cost of an application for a work permit for an eligible immigrant.
\$700	Provides assistance in updating equipment for religious education.
\$1,000	Provides a Project Rachel experience for a woman experiencing the pain of a past abortion.
\$1,500	Provides Bibles and rosaries for people incarcerated in the criminal justice system for six months.
\$2,000	Covers the legal fees for the adoption of a baby through Catholic Adoption Services.
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MAJOR CHANGES TO SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM!!!



**In the Diocese of Little Rock,
Beginning July 1, 2017:**

WHO must do safe environment training and background checks:

1) Employees

2) Volunteers with Routine Contact w/ Minors

- a. This includes only volunteers who have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their volunteer duties.
- b. Volunteers who do not have routine contact with minors as an essential part of their duties do not have to do safe environment training or background checks.

WHAT training programs:

“CMG Connect” → online training for **adults**
(<http://www.dolr.org/safe-environment>)
(or directly at: <https://littlerock.CMGconnect.org>)

“Circle of Grace” → in-classroom training for **children/youth**

We will no longer use VIRTUS’s “Protecting God’s Children” or “Touching Safety.”
Instead, we will use products supported by **Catholic Mutual Group (CMG)**.

All data from VIRTUS will be moved over to CMG Connect. No one who has already done safe environment training and a background check will have to re-do anything at this time. Users who are due for a 5-year recertification will be notified how to do that by their parish/school safe environment coordinator, who will also have info on both new programs.